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wherein the central section is angled outwardly in an inverted V-shape, the central section having mountable thereon a plurality of cable connectors that receive cabling on the front side and the rear side of the patch panel frame.

2. The patch panel according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of cable connectors when mounted being oriented to have rear surfaces thereof face a common axis of the central section.

3. The patch panel according to claim 2, wherein the frame includes at least one faceplate opening.

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20. A network rack and patch panel assembly, comprising:

a network rack having two rails spaced a predetermined distance from each other, each rail including spaced mounting openings; and

a patch panel mounted to the network rack, the patch panel including

a frame forming a central section and having a longitudinal width sized to fit between the two rails, a predefined height, a front side, and a rear side; and

rack mounting plates provided on opposite longitudinal ends of the central section connected to ones of the spaced mounting openings of the rails,

wherein the central section is angled outwardly in an inverted V-shape, the central section having mounted thereon a plurality of cable connectors that receive cabling on the front side and the rear side of the patch panel frame.

21. The patch panel according to claim 20, wherein the plurality of cable connectors being oriented to have rear surfaces thereof face a common axis of the central section.

22. The network rack and patch panel assembly of claim 21, wherein the central